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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: L.Spector
Filed: August 17, 1999
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to the final Office Action mailed December 18, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two Months, extending the period for response from March 18, 2004 to May 18, 2004.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on April 23 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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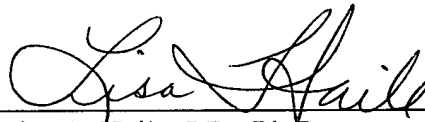
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Check No. 558024 in the total amount of \$595.00 is enclosed for the RCE filing fee (\$385.00 and the two month extension of time fee (\$210.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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